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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) plans to boost current output of crude oil by 13 per cent to 30 million-tons by 2009-10 from the current level of 27 million-tons including setting up 2 new refineries in Rajasthan;

(b) whether ONGC also proposes to start production from April, 2006 of its new finds in Krishna-Godavari basin of India's first deep sea gas; and

(c) if so, the details of above mentioned proposals indicating time frame to set up the new refineries, capacity-wise production in million-tons/required investment in each case?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c) : The estimated (R.E.) crude oil production during 2005-06 by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) from the fields operated by them is 25.101 million metric tonne (MMT) and their share from Joint Venture fields is 1.775 MMT. With the development of marginal fields, Improved Oil Recovery (IOR)/Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) measures, redevelopment of fields and putting up new discoveries in production, ONGC plan to enhance the oil production to around 29.085 MMT in 2006-07, which includes their share of 1.735 MMT from JV fields.

ONGC, through its subsidiary, Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL) have been exploring the feasibility of setting up a well-head refinery in Rajasthan, in association with Cairn for processing heavy crude oil discovered by the Joint Venture of Cairn and ONGC.

ONGC also propose to start production from their new finds in Krishna-Godavari basin from April, 2006.

The time-line for the refinery project can be worked out only after the investment decision is firmed up and completion of the detailed techno-economic feasibility study.